

## Children's Department.

### A Letter to the Children.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Winter has gone and spring is here and I want to ask you a few questions. Have you seen any robins this spring? Have the blackbirds come back yet? How many different kinds of birds have you seen during the last week? I would like to have each boy or girl who reads this to watch carefully and report through the EVANGELIST the day you see a new bird for the first time. When you see one you don't know, tell us all about it,—its color, size, shape, whether it walks or hops, how it flies and what it eats. Perhaps we can tell its name. If you know the names of any birds tell us; perhaps we never saw one and would like to know something about it. Look out for bird's nests, and let us know when you find one. If you will write to the EVANGELIST right away, and tell us something about our birds, I'll promise to write once a month, or perhaps oftener, and we will see what we can learn about our feathered friends.

WESLEY C. WINE.

### From Hudson, Iowa.

This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. Our school was out a week ago Saturday. We had fourteen (14) scholars. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday I can. My Sunday-school teacher's name is Mrs. Slusher. My pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. I have two sisters and three brothers. I am eight years old. The weather is so nice, and the roads are like summer. My grandma lives in Pennsylvania. She is a second cousin to the Editor's wife. And my mother's stepfather and the Editor's stepfather are brothers. My grandma Switzer lives with us. I will close by asking a question. How often and where is the word "Reverend" found in the Bible? Good-bye.

March 22. MAUD SWITZER.

### From Crete, Neb.

We are having nice spring weather. Yesterday when papa was going to his appointment as he neared the bridge some cows ran out from under it, frightening the horse. She turned around tipping the buggy over and breaking the shafts. Papa let go of the lines and she ran off into the corn-field. Finally he caught her, fixed the shafts and started for home. Then he started again to go. Jennie Mong a girl that used to stay here died Feb. 22. The funeral was largely attended.

Respectfully,  
March 10. CLARENCE V. ZOOK.

### From Wabash, Ind.

This is my first letter for the EVANGELIST. I hope to make a success. If this letter is published I will write again. Mamma and papa belong to the Brethren church. I have two brothers that belong, and I will join as soon as I am big enough. There is no Brethren church here, so I go to the Christian Sabbath-school. I have four brothers. I am nine years old. We live in the city. I love to read the children's letters. I will close.

Yours truly,

March 26. EMMA MILLER.

### From Aleppo, Pa.

I thought I would write another letter for the EVANGELIST. Our school closed March 12. We had a splendid time. Our exercises consisted of reviews, dialogues, recitations and music. We also had a splendid dinner. Pa was our teacher. I go to Sunday-school regularly. Tillie Miller is our teacher. I am a member of the King's Children society. I had a recitation last Sunday evening. We have over a hundred members, and have good meetings. Pa is our pastor. He preaches here every two weeks, and at Quiet Dell every two weeks. We also have prayer meetings and song service every Wednesday evening. I will answer Vernie M. Kellers question. The answer is found in St. Luke 10: 36, 37. He that shewed mercy. I will also answer Ada A. Griffith's question. The answer is found in Deut. 3: 2. King Og slept on an iron bedstead which was nine cubits long and four cubits wide. I will close by asking a question. How often is the word Easter found in the Bible?

March 20. VERA MURRAY.

### From New Enterprise, Ind.

I thought I would write a letter for the children's column. It is my first attempt to write. I want to surprise mamma, papa and sister. I am over at my aunt Mary's and uncle Elias' to play with my cousins. I got tired of playing and my aunt told me to write a letter for the EVANGELIST. They are making molasses. And I had a nice time eating home-made sugar. I go to school. We have twenty-six scholars. And a good teacher. I am in the third reader. Our school will be out in three weeks. We expect a nice time the last day. My mamma belongs to the Brethren church, and as soon as my sister and I get a little older we will belong too. For I am aware that death is abroad in our land and we must go, prepared or unprepared. One of our cousins has passed out of this region of sin and despair and will be buried tomorrow. She suffered much during her illness.

March 22. ELLA KEIM.

### From McLouth, Kan.

I have not written for the children's column for a long time. Last Sunday papa preached in town. The Brethren Sunday-school is in the afternoon. I like to read. I have started to read Wandering in Bible Lands by D. L. Miller. We have two months and one week school yet. We have a good teacher. I will answer Dudley Smith's question. It was, How old was Jesus when he was baptized? He was thirty years old. I will also answer Bessie Shanabarger's question. It is, Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long on earth. I would like to hear from more of the children for I like to read the letters from them. I will close by asking a question. How many chapters in the book of Luke? Yours truly.

RUBY KIMMEL.

### From Pittsburg, Pa.

This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. I was twelve years old last month. I am a member of the first Brethren church of Pittsburg and also an active member of the Christian Endeavor. I am also a member of the King's Children which was organized Feb. 23. When our pastor Mr. D. J. Bole organized the King's Children society it was his wish to have one hundred members and in such a short time he has over one hundred and forty members and every meeting an increase. I will now close for this time.

Yours truly,

March 22. MABEL RODGERS.

### From Woodland, Mich.

This is my first attempt to write for the EVANGELIST. I am fifteen years old. I went to school this winter. Our school is out now. I have an aunt living near Ashland. Her name is Clark. My papa, mamma and I belong to the Brethren church. Papa and I were baptized in the river Jordan. We have preaching every four weeks, by brother John Fox of Indiana. We have cottage prayer-meeting every Saturday night. I have a little sister three years old; her name is Ruth. She has a pet dog. I will ask a question. Who sold Joseph? Good-bye.

March 27. GERTRUDE UNDERWOOD.

### From Spencer, Ohio.

I am ten years old. This is my first letter. I went to school this winter, but it is vacation now. I had a good teacher. Her name is Rose Dreier. We have a pet China cow. My brother Scott and I can ride on her back. The Brethren S. S. will reorganize April 1. Our pastor H. S. Jacobs has been here about eleven years. Will write again.

March 14. GLENN ROWE.